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WSP to Participate in Operation Air Brake

Chief Ronal Serpas announced today the Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division will be participating in "Operation Air Brake." The one-day event will take place September 4, 2003, and involve commercial motor vehicle inspectors from all around the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

The event originated in Canada in 1998 and occurs in May and September each year. Last May, 12,027 commercial motor vehicles were inspected, resulting in 98,235 brakes checked, of which 18 percent were placed out of service for brake-related defects.

In May 2003, 6,295 air brakes were inspected in Washington State, with 6.6 percent placed out of service for brake-related defects.

Brake-related defects continue to be the most frequent violation commercial vehicle safety inspectors discover during roadside inspections.

For more information, you can call the Washington State Patrol Commercial Vehicle Division at (360) 753-0350.

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